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RMKS/1. On September 30, 2013, the current appropriation expires. Absent passage of a new appropriations bill or a Continuing Resolution, we will experience a government shutdown at 12:01 a.m., October 1, 2013. I remain hopeful that Congress will avert a shutdown, but we must take prudent steps in case the shutdown occurs.

2. The uncertainty of the impending lapse of appropriations again places you, our workforce, in a difficult situation. Should a lapse occur, additional hardships will be imposed. After the tragedy at the Washington Navy Yard two weeks ago and the furloughs this past summer, your steadfastness to your duty pays tribute to our shared legacy of honor, courage, and commitment. You are integral members of our Navy-Marine Corps family.

3. We will work closely to support you during this period. We are committed to providing you timely information as this process unfolds and will continue to stress with decision-makers the adverse impact that a government shutdown has on you and your families.

4. The Office of Civilian Human Resources provides guidance, fact sheets, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), and information on the Department of Navy website which will continue to be updated throughout the furlough. Financial and other counseling services are available through your Civilian Employee Assistance Program. Additional information on furloughs may be found at the Office of Personnel Management at www.opm.gov/furlough/furlough.asp or www.opm.gov/furlough/FAQ/index.asp. Please direct your questions to your Command HR offices or email DONhrfaq@navy.mil.

5. I want to thank you for your hard work, dedication, and patience, and appreciate your service during these difficult times. I am extremely proud of the work that you do on behalf of our Sailors, Marines, their families, and the rest of the Nation.

6. Released by Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy.

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